

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A label tape printing device for printing on a tape-like object, comprising:

~~A a~~ tape-like object feeding device for feeding ~~a the~~ tape-like object, comprising: ~~the tape-like object feeding device including:~~

~~_____~~ a feeding mechanism that feeds the tape-like object toward an outlet;

~~_____~~ a cutting mechanism that cuts the tape-like object fed by the feeding mechanism;

~~_____~~ an ejection roller placed on an outlet side of the cutting mechanism for ejecting the tape-like object cut off by the cutting mechanism through the outlet by revolving while making contact with the tape-like object wherein the ejection roller is operated independently of any cutting mechanisms; and

~~_____~~ a sensor that determines at least one of a type of the tape-like object and a thickness of the tape-like object; and

~~_____~~ a controller which controls at least one of revolving speed, revolving time and revolving timing of the ejection roller in ejecting the tape-like object depending on the determination by the sensor at least one selected from a type of the tape-like object, a thickness of the tape-like object, a width of the tape-like object and a feeding length of the tape-like object by the feeding mechanism.

16. (Currently Amended) The label tape printing device according to claim 15, wherein the tape-like object feeding device according to claim 15, wherein further includes a driver for driving the feeding mechanism and a driver for driving the ejection roller are

provided separately and independently.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~A The label tape printing device for printing on a label tape as a tape-like object according to claim 15, further~~ comprising:

~~the tape-like object feeding device according to claim 15; and~~

an image formation unit placed on an upstream side of the cutting mechanism for forming an image on the label tape.

18. (Currently Amended) A tape-like object feeding device for feeding a tape-like object, comprising:

a feeding mechanism that feeds the tape-like object toward an outlet;

a cutting mechanism that cuts the tape-like object fed by the feeding mechanism;

an ejection roller placed on a downstream side of the cutting mechanism in a feeding path of the tape-like object for ejecting the tape-like object cut off by the cutting mechanism by revolving while making contact with the tape-like object wherein the ejection roller is operated independently of any cutting mechanisms; and

a sensor that determines at least one of a type of the tape-like object and a thickness of the tape-like object; and

_____ a controller which executes driving control of the ejection roller in ejecting the tape-like object which has been cut off, depending on the determination by the sensor at least one selected from a type of the tape-like object and a feeding length of the tape-like object by the feeding mechanism at a point when the tape-like object is cut off by the cutting mechanism.

19. (Previously Presented) The tape-like object feeding device according to claim 18, wherein the type of the tape-like object includes at least one selected from shape, material and laminate structure of the tape-like object.

20. (Currently Amended) The tape-like object feeding device according to claim 18, wherein the controller changes control regarding at least one of revolving time, revolving speed and revolving timing of the ejection roller depending on at least one selected from the type of the tape-like object determined by the sensor and ~~the~~ a feeding length of the tape-like object by the feeding mechanism at the point when the tape-like object is cut off by the cutting mechanism.

21. (Currently Amended) The tape-like object feeding device according to claim 18, ~~further comprising a detector that detects~~ wherein the sensor determines the type of the tape-like object.

22. (Currently Amended) The tape-like object feeding device according to claim 18,

_____ wherein the controller includes:

_____ a first driver that drives the ejection roller; and

_____ a second driver that drives the feeding mechanism, and

wherein the ejection roller and the feeding mechanism are controlled independently by driving the first and second drivers separately.

23. (Currently Amended) The tape-like object feeding device according to claim 18,

_____ wherein the controller includes:

_____ a common driving system which is used for driving the ejection roller and the feeding mechanism; and

_____ a power connection/disconnection mechanism for switching connection/disconnection of power transmission from the common driving system to the ejection roller or the feeding mechanism, and

wherein the ejection roller and the feeding mechanism are controlled

independently by controlling the power connection/disconnection mechanism.

24. (Currently Amended) The tape-like object feeding device according to claim 18, wherein the controller includes a calculating system which calculates ~~the a~~ feeding length of the tape-like object by the feeding mechanism at the point when the tape-like object is cut off by the cutting mechanism based on information on contents of printing on the tape-like object.

25. (Currently Amended) The tape-like object feeding device according to claim 18, ~~further comprising a wherein the~~ sensor ~~further determines for detecting the a~~ feeding length of the tape-like object by the feeding mechanism at the point when the tape-like object is cut off by the cutting mechanism.

26. (Previously Presented) The tape-like object feeding device according to claim 18, wherein the tape-like object is a label tape.

27. (Currently Amended) A printing device comprising:
a feeding mechanism that feeds a tape-like object toward an outlet;
a cutting mechanism that cuts the tape-like object fed by the feeding mechanism;

an ejection roller placed on a downstream side of the cutting mechanism in a feeding path of the tape-like object for ejecting the tape-like object cut off by the cutting mechanism by revolving while making contact with the tape-like object wherein the ejection roller is operated independently of any cutting mechanisms;

an image formation unit placed on an upstream side of the cutting mechanism in the feeding path for forming an image on the tape-like object; and _____
a sensor that determines at least one of a type of the tape-like object and a thickness of the tape-like object; and

a controller which executes driving control of the ejection roller in ejecting the

tape-like object which has been cut off, depending on the determination by the sensor, at least one selected from a type of the tape-like object and a feeding length of the tape-like object by the feeding mechanism at a point when the tape-like object is cut off by the cutting mechanism.

28. (Previously Presented) The printing device according to claim 27, wherein the controller executes the driving control of the ejection roller in the ejection of the tape-like object which has been cut off, further considering at least one selected from information on size of the image generated by the image formation unit and order of image formation in sequential formation of a plurality of images.

29. (New) The feeding device according to claim 18, wherein the controller controls at least the revolving time of the ejection roller in ejecting the tape-like object depending on at least one selected from a type of the tape-like object, a thickness of the tape-like object, and a width of the tape like object.

30. (New) The label type printing device according to claim 15, wherein the sensor further determines a feeding length of the tape-like object by the feeding mechanism at the point when the tape-like object is cut off by the cutting mechanism.

31. (New) The printing device according to claim 27, wherein the sensor further determines a feeding length of a tape-like object by the feeding mechanism at the point when the tape-like object is cut off by the cutting mechanism.